CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Taken 3
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1500283.000
Medium:	Blu-ray disc
Distributor:	Universal Pictures
Director:	Olivier Megaton
FVLB Applicant:	Universal Pictures
Producer:	Luc Besson
Country of origin:	United States
Language:	English
Applicant:	Film & Video Labelling Body
Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.
Excisions:	No excisions recommended
Descriptive note:	Violence, offensive language and content that may disturb.
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	15 April 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	15 April 2015
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Set Up Search Extras	
Feature(s):	Taken 3 (Theatrical Version) Taken 3 (Extended Version)	108:57 115:18
Timed component(s):	Digital HD Notice Taken Trilogy The Maze Runner Exodus: Gods And Kings Deleted Scene - "Flashback Malankov" Sam's Bunker A.K.A. The Rabbit Hole Taken To L.A. A Taken Legacy Gallery (x12) Theatrical Trailer (Taken 3) Notices	0:55 0:50 2:24 1:40 7:16 3:01 4:16 4:54 1:05 2:15 0:44
Total running time:		253:35

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a Blu-ray disc comprising the theatrical and extended versions of the film "Taken 3". It also contains four trailers, a deleted scene, behind the scenes material, a gallery of photographs from the feature, and several distributor notices.

The extended version of the feature is approximately six minutes longer than the theatrical version, with extended scenes and different editing, which do not alter the overall plot of the theatrical feature. However the extended version of the feature in conjunction with the component Deleted Scene – "Flashback Malankov" significantly increases the extent and degree of violence from that of the theatrical version. The additional scenes of intimidation and violence are likely to shock or disturb children. Teenagers and adults are more readily capable of understanding these depictions within the context of a far-fetched action/thriller narrative. For these reasons, the Blu-ray disc requires a different classification to that of the cross-rated theatrical version of the film. The availability of this Blu-ray disc is likely to be injurious to the public good unless restricted to an audience of 13 years and over.

This classification places a limitation the right to freedom of expression as outlined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but this classification is the minimum restriction that can be applied in order to prevent injury to the public good.